

Polynomial Roots

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Here are formulas of roots of polynomial functions:

1. Solution of $ax + b$ is:

$$r = -\frac{b}{a} \quad (1)$$

2. Solution of $ax^2 + bx + c$ is:

$$r_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \equiv \frac{-2c}{b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}} \quad (2)$$

3. Solution of $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= -\frac{1}{3a} \left[b + \sqrt[3]{\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d \pm \sqrt{(2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d)^2 - 4(b^2 - 3ac)^3}}{2}} + \frac{b^2 - 3ac}{\sqrt[3]{\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d \pm \sqrt{(2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d)^2 - 4(b^2 - 3ac)^3}}{2}}} \right] \\ r_2 &= -\frac{1}{3a} \left[b + \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right) \sqrt[3]{\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d \pm \sqrt{(2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d)^2 - 4(b^2 - 3ac)^3}}{2}} + \frac{b^2 - 3ac}{\left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right) \sqrt[3]{\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d \pm \sqrt{(2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d)^2 - 4(b^2 - 3ac)^3}}{2}}} \right] \\ r_3 &= -\frac{1}{3a} \left[b + \left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right) \sqrt[3]{\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d \pm \sqrt{(2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d)^2 - 4(b^2 - 3ac)^3}}{2}} + \frac{b^2 - 3ac}{\left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right) \sqrt[3]{\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d \pm \sqrt{(2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d)^2 - 4(b^2 - 3ac)^3}}{2}}} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

4. Solution of $x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} r_1 &= -\frac{a}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 - 2b}{4} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd)^2}}{54} \right)}} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 - 4b}{2} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd)^2}}{54} \right)}} - \frac{-a^3 + 4ab - 8c}{4 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 - 2b}{4} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd)^2}}{54} \right)}}} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_2 &= -\frac{a}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 - 2b}{4} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd)^2}}{54} \right)}} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 - 4b}{2} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd)^2}}{54} \right)}} - \frac{-a^3 + 4ab - 8c}{4 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 - 2b}{4} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd)^2}}{54} \right)}}} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_3 &= -\frac{a}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 - 2b}{4} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd)^2}}{54} \right)}} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 - 4b}{2} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd)^2}}{54} \right)}} + \frac{-a^3 + 4ab - 8c}{4 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 - 2b}{4} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd)^2}}{54} \right)}}} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_4 &= -\frac{a}{4} - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 - 2b}{4} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd)^2}}{54} \right)}} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 - 4b}{2} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd)^2}}{54} \right)}} + \frac{-a^3 + 4ab - 8c}{4 \sqrt[3]{\frac{a^2 - 2b}{4} + \frac{\sqrt[3]{2}(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)}{3} + \sqrt[3]{\left(\frac{2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd + \sqrt{-4(b^2 - 3ac + 12d)^3 + (2b^3 - 9abc + 27c^2 + 27a^2d - 72bd)^2}}{54} \right)}}} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$